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THE DYSON CASE.

It is only necessary for the readers of The Bee to read the Dyson case to ascertain just how our colored normal school graduates are treated. The Dyson case is mild to what will appear in this paper and what will be presented to both the Senate and House Committees of Congress. The colored people have the same right to protest against the retention of an official in their schools who is objectionable to them as the white people had to demand the removal of Dr. Wm. E. Chancellor. The manner in which young Dyson was removed from the schools will be seen to have been unjust and unfair to him. With a young wife and baby, a recent graduate of the colored normal school, are evidences of the necessity of a change in the head of the colored schools. Mr. Dyson was reared in this city and educated in the colored public schools in this city. He was permitted to teach one year, and because he failed to tend babies successfully the supervising principal marked him "poor," and the assistant superintendent recommended his dismissal. His letter, stating his reasons, is sympathetic. His appeals, however, failed to reach the heart and college ability of the assistant superintendent, who has gone weak on college graduates, whether they can successfully manage a school or not. The Bee has seen but few college graduates in our public schools, except those from Howard University, who amounted to very much. The most successful college graduates come from this institution, with but few exceptions, as the record will show.

These so-called Yale, Harvard, Amherst and other colleges have graduated dozens of colored Americans; compare them with the Howard graduates, and even those from our normal school. Take the records of these graduates, and you will find that our public schools are overrun with these graduates from outside colleges, and the Howard graduates are becoming famous as lawyers, doctors, teachers and writers and journalists. Prof. Kelly Miller is a Howard graduate, and he is today the king and master of mathematics. Mr. J. C. Napier, a Howard graduate, a banker, and soon will be register of the Treasury; ex-Recorder of Deeds J. C. Dancy was a Howard graduate; Prof. Hugh M. Brown was a Howard graduate. Read the history of these men and compare them with Amherst, Yale, Harvard graduates who are to-day teaching classes in our High and the Armstrong Normal Training Schools. Young Dyson was about to make his mark as a teacher, but right in the bloom of his youth, and about the time he was to make a man of himself and rear a family, he was separated from the schools of childhood. Such injustice, The Bee knows, Congress will not tolerate.

The next will be the history of the Patterson case—two of the most competent teachers in the colored schools, and what Chancellor said.

DR. WASHINGTON.

The London Standard, in speaking of the reception tendered Dr. Booker T. Washington by the English people, said that the reception tendered him was attended by the representatives of the British Empire. How the prediction the Editor of The Bee made twenty years ago has come to pass. The Editor said then,

and the files of The Bee will show, that the South would produce a colored man who would be honored by the entire civilized world. The Bee dubbed him as the "Black Cardinal." His trip abroad is an evidence of The Bee's predictions. The esteem in which he is held by the American people, and the manner in which he is, and has been, honored by them, show that he is a man of force and character. That The Bee has approved him, it has no regrets or apologies. His doctrine is sound to-day, and he is doing what few colored Americans are doing. His return from abroad is greeted with a rousing reception by his fellow-citizens of the State of New York. The Bee will give him credit for what he does, and that is a great deal. That he is a benefit to his people and his country that cannot be denied. The Bee finds in this "Black Cardinal" from the South elements of manhood. The attention of the readers of The Bee is called to the excerpt from the London (Eng.) Standard.

DR. SHEPARD.

In another column of The Bee will be read with interest a special to The Bee from North Carolina concerning the opening of the National Religious Training School. It was a brilliant opening. Judge J. C. Pritchard presided, and gave the people of the country to understand that North Carolina was doing what could be done for the uplift of colored Americans along educational lines. There is none in the United States who is fairer in the execution of his office than he is. The Bee knows him well. When he was a member of the Supreme Court of the District of Columbia he was a man highly honored by the people and the bar. The Bee congratulates Dr. James E. Shepard and the National Training School on being honored with such an able presiding officer as Judge Jeter C. Pritchard. The success of the school is assured. The people of this country believe in it. Dr. Shepard is doing something for humanity. He is being supported by the people, as is evidenced by the attendance at the opening. Dr. Shepard is today in the North in behalf of his school. The white people in the North believe in him. He has their respect and confidence. May this school be a monument to posterity.

THE ELECTION.

Next month will decide the fate of the next Congress. There are all kinds of political prophets in this country who have declared one way or the other. If the House goes Republican, those who predicted that it would go that way will say, "I told you so." On the other hand, the prophets who predicted Democratic success will say, "I knew it." No one but the voter knows how the election will go. The voters are the best prophets in the world, so far as the elections are concerned. The eyes of the country are centered on the State of New York. The enemies of Mr. Roosevelt declare that he wants the nomination for the presidency in 1912, and for that reason his candidate must be defeated in New York. The Bee is no prophet, but it feels confident that the Republican ticket will win. Ex-President Roosevelt has nominated his man. He himself is a man of destiny. He never fails. God has put him in this world for a purpose. If he is the instrument to accomplish a purpose for good or evil, he will succeed. The question of human rights is not an issue in this campaign. The question of human rights with political parties is an issue of the past. In North Carolina Democratic campaigners are waving the bloody shirt. The Democrats are in power; what more do they want? They are holding the colored Americans up to ridicule and contempt with the poor whites. The colored man in North Carolina is as much an issue to-day as he was soon after the war. This is the only issue that can be successfully handled by the Democratic party in the State.

DON'T FORGET.

Sometimes we forget those who made it possible for us to live. We should stop and ask ourselves the question, Who made it possible for the colored Americans to enjoy their freedom? An independent movement may be the right thing for the white man, but what is always good for the white man it is not always suitable for the colored man. A white man has license, but a colored man is only permitted to act by sufferance. The white man makes the

laws and tells the colored man he can go so far and no further. We should be grateful to those who have done everything for us. Let us not forget, because some day our acts may react against us. The record of the Republican party, so far as the colored man is concerned, will stand the light of day. Any colored man who supports the principles of the Democratic party is digging his own pit and will eventually fall into it. Let us not forget.

BOLTED THE PARTY.

The colored Republicans of Tennessee have bolted the party because President Taft nominated Mr. J. C. Napier as the successor of Register W. T. Vernon. What the colored Republicans expect to gain The Bee would be pleased to know. President Taft could not appoint every colored man in the State of Tennessee to the registership. Mr. Napier, having had the strongest pull, was, therefore, appointed. Mr. Napier is a gentleman and a scholar. What other imperfections has he? Now, if the colored Republicans in the State of Tennessee could elect a man to office there, they would be counted factors. Mr. Napier is appointed now; what are you going to do about it?

BISHOP J. W. SMITH.

The death of Bishop J. W. Smith was, indeed, a shock to the African Methodist Zion Church. Bishop Smith was a man of large and broad experience. He was a faithful churchman and a devout Christian. He was quiet and dignified in his deportment, and one of the most logical speakers in his connection. The connection has lost a worthy man; who will be his successor is a question of conjecture among the denomination.

WARNER'S DEFEAT.

The colored Republicans in the 6th Maryland Congressional District will defeat the candidacy of Mr. B. H. Warner, Jr., who was nominated by one county in the entire district. The defeat of Mr. Warner will be a rebuke to him for the unwarrantable charge he made against the colored Republican friends in the district—ex-United States Attorney D. W. Baker. Mr. Warner's defeat is predicted. He will be defeated by from three to four thousand votes. Mr. Gist Blair would have been elected if the Democrats in Frederick County had remained away from the primaries. Mr. Warner's charge against Mr. Baker will be resented at the polls. Watch The Bee's prediction.

SENATOR DOLLIVER.

The death of Senator Dolliver, of Iowa, takes from the Senate and the State of Iowa one of the strongest and best men in the country. His death was a surprise, and it will be keenly felt by the Nation.

THE DYSON CASE

THE "SQUARE DEAL."

A. R. Dyson, Normal School Graduate, Dismissed—Bruce's Promise to Reinstatement if Made Good. One of the most flagrant acts of injustice to a Normal School graduate was the one perpetrated upon Mr. A. R. Dyson, a graduate of the colored Normal School and a resident of this city. This young man graduated with high honors and taught for one year. He was told, so it is stated, that he was not giving satisfaction. He wrote a letter to the colored assistant superintendent, Mr. Bruce, and asked to be given a grade that he could teach. Mr. Dyson states that a certain lady principal didn't seem to like him, and she reported him to the supervising principal, Mr. John C. Nalle, who recommended his dismissal. At the time of the complaint against Mr. Dyson by Mr. Nalle, Mr. Bruce sent the following letter:

Washington, D. C., Oct. 20, 1909.
Rev. W. D. Jarvis, 120 D St. S. W., Washington, D. C.
My Dear Doctor Jarvis: In response to your inquiries, I have the honor to state that if Mr. Albert R. Dyson spends the school year 1909-10 in such a way as to enrich and strengthen his professional equipment and to indicate that he apply himself with genuine diligence to the work of classroom teaching, I should be perfectly willing to give his application for reinstatement due and proper consideration after the close of that school year.

Personally, I believe that the best thing for Mr. Dyson to do would be to teach school during this year. In case he cannot secure a position that it is possible for him to accept, he might engage in other responsible work and at the same time pursue serious professional studies under appropriate auspices.

Very respectfully yours,
(Signed.) R. C. BRUCE.

Did He Make Good?

Mr. Dyson did make good. He substituted in several schools for several months, and here are a few of the letters that Mr. Dyson secured from the different teachers who declared that he gave entire satisfaction. It is quite evident from these letters that he was fully capable to teach in any grade above the first.

Abraham Lincoln School,
Nov. 24, 1909.

To Whom It May Concern:
This is to certify that Mr. A. R. Dyson substituted a half day in a 4-A

439 First street southwest,
Washington, D. C.
Dear Sir: At the meeting of the Board of Education held July 1, you were dismissed from teacher of the first grade, Wendell Phillips School, Tenth division, to take effect on and after September 1, 1909.
By order of the Board:
HARRY O. HINE,
Secretary.

After the reception of the above letter Mr. Dyson secured counsel, and the matter was taken up with the president of the Board of Education, who carefully investigated the matter and treated Mr. Dyson with marked consideration and fairness, as he always does when the rights of a teacher are involved. The other matter was explained to the president, as will be seen in the following letter to his counsel:

Sept. 25, 1909.
Mr. W. Calvin Chase.
Dear Sir: I, Albert R. Dyson, was appointed to the public schools May 1, 1907, as a teacher of the first grade at Bruce School, Dr. Edgar Beckley, principal.

I received no rating at the end of the school term, as I only taught two months.

In the following September I resumed my position as teacher of the first grade under Mr. M. Grant Lucas, principal; Henry Bailey, supervisor.

There I remained until February, the close of the first half term. I was transferred to the Phillips School, first grade, under Miss G. F. Smith, principal; Dr. Montgomery, supervisor.

At the end of this school term I was rated poor. In the following September I went back to the Phillips under Miss G. F. Smith, principal; J. C. Nalle, supervisor.

During this last term I realized that I could give better credit both to myself and also to the system by having a second grade, as the children are larger and not as difficult as those in the first grade for a young man to handle.

With these points in view, I spoke with Mr. Bruce and also Miss E. F. G. Merritt in February last asking for this change. They both gave me their promise to change me at the first available opportunity. Opportunities occurred, but they failed to keep their promise in changing me. Thus I was allowed to continue to the close of last year, and was again rated poor.

I have since learned that these marks were due to Miss E. F. G. Merritt, Miss I. Wormley, Miss G. F. G. Smith and Mr. J. C. Nalle.

I was dismissed July 1 by the board. I went to Mr. Bruce and was told that my inefficiency was the cause of it.

During this last year I received three letters from Mr. Bruce, one through Mr. Nalle's criticism of my work, which was entirely unwarranted, for he did not visit me that month and could not have possibly made the criticism. The other two were through Miss Merritts and Miss Wormley's criticism of my work, claiming lack of interest and energy as the criticism.

These letters are the only communication I have ever received from Mr. Bruce.

I was never summoned by the board or any other supervisory officer to answer to charges of any kind.

Mr. Nalle visited my school room to observe my work but once during the entire year; Miss Merritt twice; Miss Wormley twice, and Mr. Bruce not at all.

I am a graduate of the Normal School, class of 1906. Was rated No. 11 in a class of 25, which was in the excellent group.

Respectfully,
ALBERT R. DYSON,
120 D street S. W.

Frequent visits were made to Mr. Bruce both by Rev. Jarvis, the father-in-law of young Dyson, and his counsel. Mr. Bruce assured both that he would reinstate Mr. Dyson. Rev. Jarvis was somewhat skeptical, and demanded that Bruce put the promise in writing. In the meantime, Mr. Bruce tendered young Dyson a janitor's place, and sent him a blank to fill out; was to hold this janitor's place until he (Bruce) thought a sufficient time had elapsed before he could reappoint him. After consultation, it was decided that the acceptance of a janitor's place was a humiliation; hence the position was declined.

Mr. Bruce then made another suggestion, to the effect that if Mr. Dyson would substitute and make good, he would reinstate him, as will be seen by the following letter from Mr. Bruce to Rev. W. D. Jarvis:

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school in this building on the above date. His work was satisfactory in every particular.

Very truly,
(Signed.) A. O. STAFFORD,
Principal.

Anthony Bowen School,
To Whom It May Concern:
This is to certify that Mr. A. R. Dyson substituted a half day in a 5-B grade November 22, and a whole day in the same grade November 29; also in the 7-B grade two days, December 1 and 2. His work was entirely satisfactory, showing that he had the schools under good control.

Respectfully,
(Signed.) J. C. GRANT.
Randall School,
Nov. 23, 1909.

To Whom It May Concern:
This is to certify that the bearer, A. R. Dyson, substituted in grade 1-A this day in a manner entirely satisfactory.

(Signed.) J. C. BRUCE,
Principal.

Didn't Keep Promise.

Frequent demands were made to Mr. Bruce to keep his promise that he made to young Dyson by Rev. Jarvis and Mr. Chase, and up to the present time he has ever declined to answer letters from Rev. Jarvis. He declared that he noted Rev. Jarvis and directed counsel to inform him.

Mr. Dyson is a graduate of the colored Normal School, and who is reputed to be a bright, intelligent and highly-educated young man. He has a wife and a young baby. So it can be seen how the Normal School graduates and teachers have been treated. This is only one of the many cases that will appear in The Bee and submitted to Congress when it convenes.

Public Men And Things

(By the Sage of the Potomac.)

Hon. Henry Lincoln Johnson, the efficient Recorder of Deeds, has been sojourning in Atlanta, his home, for a brief spell. It is surmised that the Honorable Recorder is looking after his fences.

We Washingtonians have been seeing public men come and go for these many years. Some we are glad to say to, "Here's your hat; what's your hurry?" and to some we say, most respectfully, "Sorry you have to go so soon."

Speaking about the passing of colored office holders, we must admit their going is almost tragical. They come here, and at once are National figures. Enjoy the easy life, and munificent salary, as they do for a few brief moons, the going is hard, for the real reason that a colored man never steps out of a public office, but steps down, and to most of them visions of the whitewash brush or some kindred tool of manual labor is present on the last day they sign the government pay roll.

Thomas L. Jones, the attorney, is perhaps one of the wisest old owls about these parts. Always neat as a pin, dapper as a college boy, sociable, complaining always about hard times, yet this minion of the law, who hales from "Ole Virginny," is making money and enjoys a most lucrative practice. He goes to the bank as regular as the ordinary man goes to his meals, and he always makes a deposit. They do say that Tom Jones, he who throws away his cuff when he orates, has a mighty snug bank account. And he ain't no miser, either.

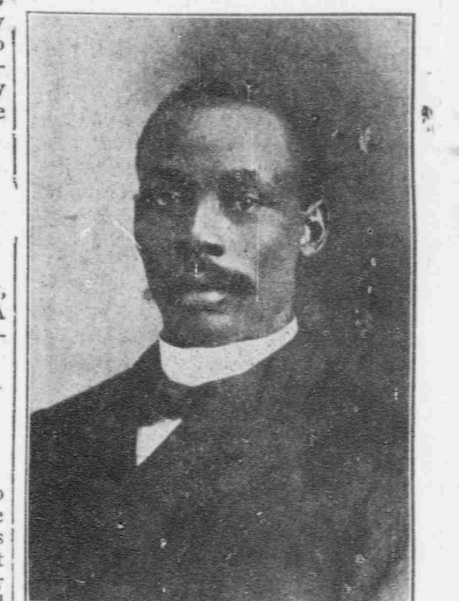
Hon. W. T. Vernon, who will soon write the prefix "Ex" before his erstwhile title of Register of the Treasury, has matriculated at the Howard Law School, and proposes to be a lawyer. In those days when in pleading before a jury lawyers scaled the mountains of oratory, what a great pleader Mr. Vernon would have been. To tackle law now, at his age, shows nerve, and I heartily praise him for the nerve he shows, and sincerely wish that he will make a success at law. In the language of Jack Bunsby, "If anybody kin, he kin."

I see my old college chum, Armond Scott, the attorney, has bought a fine residence on 11th street, right in the famous "quality row." When we first caught a glimpse of this North Carolinian racing through the village in his chu-chu wagon, we began to surmise that things were coming pretty nice for him. Now that he has purchased a residence that looks like a real house we are prone to exclaim, "That fellow's some bumpkin." I can recall when Armond came to Washington, a little verdant but bright, a trifle erratic and insurgent, but bright and clever as they make them. He is not near so erratic now. An estimable wife and a cherub of a boy to brighten the household has a tendency to make any of us more conservative. But, getting back to the main question—Armond is breakfasting and dining on prosperity now, and we none of us, would deny it to him, either.

Bethel Literary has some fine things, or rather treats, in store for us this winter. We all can remember when old Bethel was the forum to which we repaired weekly with alacrity. It then "split up" and deteriorated. It promises to again become as famous as in years gone by, and to give us a real treat once a week. I was much impressed with the attendance and interest on the opening night. It reminded me of those years that have ben sent adrift on the sea of time.

There's an awful contest on for the position of probationary officer, and most every man whose income is less than \$1,200 a year is after it. Nearly every minister is an applicant, and a few physicians are not averse to drawing the pay. Judge Mulowney and Judge Pugh, who have the making of the appointment, have heavy mails these days, the bulk of which are "endorsements" for this and that applicant. We have a sneaking suspicion that when the appointment is made

there will be no less than one, big round, one hundred disappointed gentlemen of color who felt they were called for this particular place. There is no reason, however, why one colored man should not land it. It would be injustice if the race was not recognized, since there are three to be appointed.



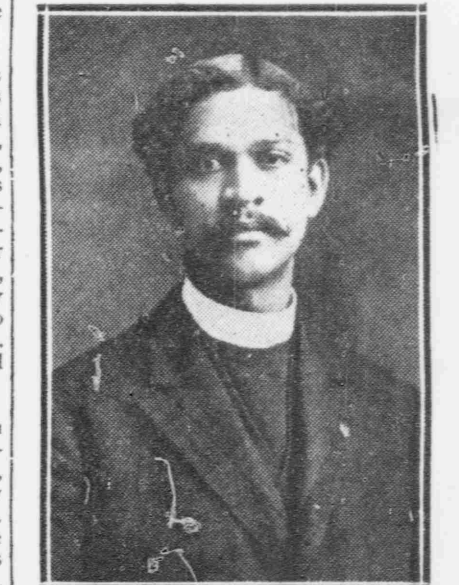
REV. W. A. RAY,
Pastor Metropolitan A. M. E. Zion.

Y. M. C. A.
The Colored Men's Y. M. C. A. opened their series of Sunday afternoon men's meetings on Sunday, 16th instant, under very flattering auspices. The gathering place in True Reformers' Hall was crowded with about 500 men. Tom Farmer, the evangelist, spoke to the men very effectively, stating that he had a very varied career; that he had served a number of sentences in prisons for his unlawful behavior. He told how the handshake of a Christian worker in a mission in New York was responsible for his change in life. He also told the men, "You must be on the square and work on the dead level; you cannot monkey with God and the devil, because they don't mix." He stated that he had great sympathy with the men and women of the under world, and he was happy over the fact that God, in His mercy, was no respecter of persons, but that His power will save all mankind to the uttermost.

His address was very enthusiastically received and made a deep impression upon the men present.

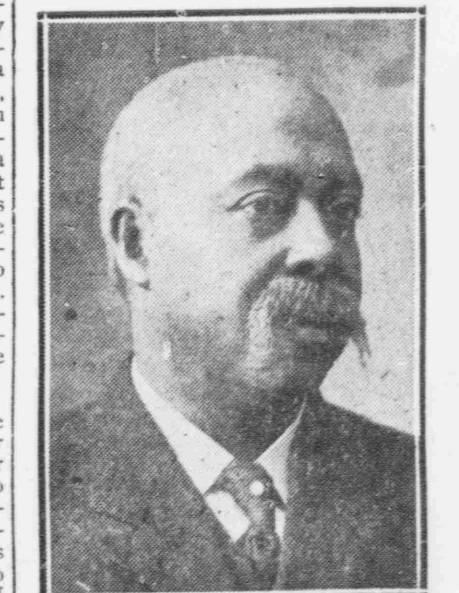
The Dabney Orchestra, under the leadership of Mr. Carroll, rendered several appropriate selections, and Mr. J. W. Parker sang a tenor solo entitled "One Solemn Thought."

On Tuesday night the members will meet and make reports of the subscriptions they have collected in their effort to wipe out the balance of \$3,000 remaining unpaid from the \$10,000 subscribed in the campaign last spring.



REV. C. C. ALLAIR,
Pastor John Wesley A. M. E. Zion.

Prof. Kelly Miller.
This well-known scholar and writer of Howard University has just issued a new pamphlet entitled "The Political Capacity of the Negro." It is a reprint from the 19th Century of England. It is a pamphlet that should be read by every colored American.



REV. WM. H. FERGUSON,
Pastor Union Wesley A. M. E. Zion.

For the Lecture Field.
Madam M. J. Richardson, well known in this community, is qualifying for the lecture platform. Her talks will be upon the activities, virtues and achievements of the Negro, both male and female. Her lecture at Trinity Baptist Church last Friday night showed what she could do. They are accompanied with stereoscopic views, which made them doubly interesting. It will be repeated at an early day, so don't miss the opportunity of hearing her.